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Young Wants No 'Galas' on Tour

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WASHINGTON — It says in his prepared statement that there will be no red-carpet treatment and no galas staged for U.S. Sen. Stephen M. Young, D-Cleveland, and three colleagues in a 25-day, eight-country tour of South America.

The four senators, accompanied by their wives, leave tomorrow by air. Their first stop will be Venezuela. Other countries to be visited are Peru, Bolivia, Chile, Argentina, Paraguay, Brazil and British Guiana.

Members of the "study mission," headed by Sen. Gale W. McGee, D-Wyo., will be briefed today by officials of the State Department and the Central Intelligence Agency. Others in the group are Sen. Clair Engle, D-Calif., and Sen. Frank E. Moss, D-Utah.

Interpreters will go along, as will representatives of the armed services and the State Department. The Air Force will furnish transportation.

Purpose of Trip

Chief purpose of the mission, Young said, is to look into foreign assistance, military aid and international relations.

"President Kennedy has expressed an interest in this study mission, stressing to us the importance of acquiring first-hand knowledge and full understanding of the problems and implications of the problems for Progress," the Clevelander said.

The Alliance for Progress is a program recently undertaken by the administration in

cooperation with Latin American governments for the betterment of the underprivileged south of the border.

When the senators return they will, at the request of the President, report to him on their findings.

Asks No Receptions

Officials of U.S. embassies have been requested not to have that receptions, ceremonies or official dinners, Young stressed.

If the U.S. striped-pants delegations in South America comply, it will be most unusual. The usual thing is to put on the dog for the distinguished visitors from home . . . and woe to the hireling who fails to anticipate every congressional need or wish.

"We are not making this trip to see the bright lights of South American cities," Young said. "Many places we shall visit do not even have lights."

"We intend to give study to the land resettlement experiments in the remote areas of Peru and Bolivia and to the regions in northeast Brazil, now in turmoil."

Aims Is Basic Reform

"The Alliance for Progress is aimed at basic economic and social reform at the people's level and this means that if one is to understand and appreciate the situation he must get off the beaten track."

While in South America, Young will have an eye out for Ohio interests. He said he plans to spend some time looking for marketing opportunities and economic possibilities for Ohio businessmen.

The senator said he would pay his wife's expenses. He said he presumed other senators would do likewise.